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	Examiner Daniel St.Cyr	Art Unit 2876	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 30,32-38,40-45 and 47-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 30,32-38,40-45 and 47-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the applicant communication filed 8/23/04.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 30, 32-38, 40-45, 47-50 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,792,464 (hereinafter '464 Patent). Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the instant claimed invention is somehow a broader recitation of the '464 patent. For instant in claim 30 of the present invention and the '464 Patent, the applicant claims:

i)" A computer system for allowing a user to complete a secure transaction over a network, comprising: a data card which contains information specific to the user, including authentication information and personal information; a data card reader adapted to access at least part of the information contained on the data card when the data card is in communication therewith;

a data processor in communication with the data card reader and adapted to be connected to the network; and

an application program resident on the data processor, the application program being configured to automatically prompt the user to enter the authentication information for comparison with the authentication information stored on the data card, in order to authorize the user following a match thereof to complete the secure transaction over the network using the information specific to the user, wherein

upon an initial use of the data card the user is prompted to initiate the data card by inputting the authentication information and the personal information into the data processor for storage on the data card.", whereas in the '464 Patent, the applicant claims:

ii)" A computer system for allowing a user to automatically access one of a plurality of network service providers which require information specific to the user and/or the network service provider to be accessed the computer system comprising:

a data card which contains the information specific to the user and/or the network service provider to be accessed;

a data card reader adapted to access at least part of the information contained on the data card when the data card is in communication therewith; a data processor in communication with the data card reader and adapted to be connected to a network; and

an application program resident on the data processor, said application program being configured to automatically retrieve at least part of the information contained on the data card when the data card is in communication with said data card reader and to use said information to gain access to one of the plurality of network service providers via the network by using one

of a default access number indicating a designated network service provider and a local access number from a database containing a list of access numbers or the plurality of network service providers along with corresponding location information for each access number in the list, wherein said application program is immediately triggered upon insertion of said data card into said data card reader,

wherein upon initial use of said data card, the user is prompted to initiate said data card by inputting personal identification information into said data processor for encryption and storage on said data card.”.

The ‘464 Patent meets all the limitations of the claims of the instant application.

Thus, in respect to above discussions, it would have been obvious to an artisan at the time the invention was made to use the teaching of claims 1-25 of ‘464 patent as a general teaching for accessing the network, to perform the same function as claimed in the present invention. The instant claims obviously encompass the claimed invention of the ‘464 Patent and differ only in terminology. The extent that the instant claims are broaden and therefore generic to claimed invention of ‘464 Patent [species], In re Goodman 29 USPQ 2d 2010 CAFC 1993, states that a generic claim cannot be issued without a terminal disclaimer, if a species claim has been previously been claimed in a co-pending application.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection is a judicially established doctrine based upon public policy and is primarily intended to prevent prolongation of the patent term by prohibiting claims in a second patent not patentably distinct from the claims in a first patent. IN re Vogel, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970). A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. & 1.321(b) would overcome an actual or provisional rejection on this ground provided the

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conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 C>FR> &1.78(d).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 30, 32-38, 40-45, and 47-50, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

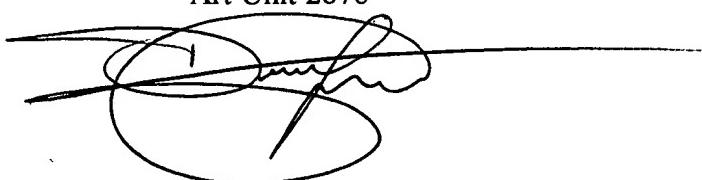
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 571-272-2407. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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November 15, 2004

A handwritten signature of Daniel St.Cyr, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature is a circular official-looking seal or stamp.